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## NEWS RELEASE

### LITURGICAL MUSIC COMPOSER DAVID HAAS TO PERFORM IN CONCERT, LEAD WORKSHOP AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio — David Haas, one of the most prolific contemporary composers of Catholic liturgical music, will perform in concert and lead the third annual Liturgical Music Workshop Sept. 10-11 in Immaculate Conception Chapel at the University of Dayton.

Haas will give a solo concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10. He will facilitate a workshop on "Exploring the Vocation of Music Ministry" from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 11. The workshop will begin with prayer in remembrance of 9/11. Topics that Haas is likely to discuss include following a call to music ministry and the role and place for pop Christian (praise and worship) music in liturgical and para-liturgical settings.

Haas directs the Emmaus Center for Music, Prayer and Ministry in Eagan, Minn., and serves as a campus minister and artist-in-residence at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park, Minn. He has produced more than 30 original collections of liturgical music and is active as a workshop speaker, retreat leader, author, cantor and recording artist. He served as a project consultant for the revised hymnals *Gather* and *Gather Comprehensive*. In 1991 he was nominated for a Grammy Award for the recording "I Shall See God."

Haas founded and directs Music Ministry Alive, a national liturgical music formation program for high school and college students. The author of eight books, including *Psalms Prayers* and *With Every Note I Sing*, Haas also has written a two-volume series of prayers for the liturgical year, *Praying with the Word*.

The events are free to University of Dayton students, faculty and staff, but pre-

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registration is required. More than 200 music ministers from area parishes also have registered to attend. Both events are open to the public, but there is a cost to attend. The cost for the public for the Friday night concert is \$35; the Saturday workshop is \$40. The cost to attend both events is \$70. Discounts for groups of three or more can be arranged by calling Sharon Mize at (937) 229-4592.

UD's Program for Christian Leadership, funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., in collaboration with Campus Ministry, presents the annual workshop to develop the leadership abilities of students involved in church music ministry, while furthering their understanding of the link between education, church, service and Christian leadership. In a Saturday afternoon workshop session limited to UD participants, Haas will work with students to help them develop the skills needed to discern the appropriateness of musical selections for use in liturgy.

"The workshop aims to educate students on the newest interpretations of documents on liturgical music in the Catholic church, provide hands-on experience with newest musical repertoire and promote dialogue about the structural components of the Catholic liturgy and the changes occurring in lay ministry," said Maura Donahue, director of the Program for Christian Leadership.

For more information or to register to attend, contact Sharon Mize at (937) 229-4592.